

Bank Awards Program Set

Faculties of high schools throughout California are now selecting candidates for this year's Bank of America Achievement Awards program.

First round winners of plaques and certificates will be announced next month.

More than a quarter million seniors in 864 high schools from Crescent City to Calexico are competing for 7,400 certificates, 2,300 plaques, and \$99,000 in cash awards.

CERTIFICATE and plaque winners at individual high schools are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, regard for others, personality, and civic responsibility. Awards are made in four general fields of study: vocational arts, liberal arts, fine arts, and science and mathematics.

Top-ranking plaque winners are eligible for semi-final competition at the zone level in April, when finalists in the four general fields are selected.

AT THE FINALS in May, top winners in each of the four general fields receive \$1,000 in cash. Other finalists receive from \$500 to \$150 apiece.

The statewide program has nine geographical divisions and duplicate cash prizes are awarded in each division. As a result, 36 students each win \$1,000, 36 win \$500, 36 win \$250, more than a hundred win \$150, and several hundred more receive cash awards of \$50 to \$25.

ANN LANDERS



Little Secrets Count

Dear Ann Landers: Regarding the letter from the wife who felt "left out" because her husband refused to let her see him without his partial plate:

Our wonderful father used a hair-darkener for years. He kept the bottle hidden in his tackle box on the closet shelf. Mother knew it and so did us kids, but we wouldn't have let on for anything in the world. We allowed Father to keep his "secret" because to have done otherwise would have been cruel.

Part of successful living is the ability to make allowances for the harmless personality quirks of others. It cost us nothing to let Father think he had fooled us. To the day he died he believed he had "put it over," and I'm sure he felt good about it. —FOUR CHILDREN WHO LOVED HIM.

Dear Children: Somebody put some solid ideas into your heads and I'll bet it was your mother.

One of the most admirable of all traits is to be in the know and not have to advertise it.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 23 and have been going with an attractive girl who is 20. A few weeks ago she threw a half-eaten ice cream cone out of the car into the street. I pulled over to the curb, got out, scooped up the mess and put it in the nearest trash container. She said I must be some kind of a nut.

On our next date she threw a candy wrapper out the car window. Again I stopped, picked it up and kept it in the glove compartment. She called me a "prissy old maid."

Last night she threw a malted milk container into the street. I told her THIS time SHE was going to pick it up. She got mad, said I was a jerk and refused. I picked up the container and drove her home. She got out of the car, and slammed the door in my face.

This morning I received a telegram saying that unless I send a wire of apology she would never speak to me again. Am I petty and domineering as she insists?—MR. CLEAN.

Dear Mr.: The girl sounds immature and plenty sloppy. Some cities fine litterbugs as much as \$50 for such antics.

You owe her no apology. And think twice before you accept hers. She sounds like bad news.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband is 48 years old and we have been married for 23 years. I am telling you this at the beginning so you won't get the idea that we are teen-age newlyweds.

Before my husband goes to work he stops off at his mother's house for coffee and a bagel. If he isn't there by 8:45 she calls up and says, "Is Irving sick?"

On his way home from work he stops at his mother's again. She gives him a bowl of chicken soup or some chopped herring—just enough to spoil his appetite for my supper.

Before he goes to bed he telephones his mother to say good night. If he doesn't call her by 11:00 she calls and asks, "Is Irving all right?"

This has been going on for 23 years and I am fed up. Am I unreasonable? Tell me what to do.—IRVING'S WIFE.

Dear Wife: If this has been going on for 23 years you should be used to it. Irving is not going to change, so accept, with grace, his attachment to his mother because it will last as long as she lives.

To solve some of the frustrations, disappointments and disillusionments of married life, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "What To Expect From Marriage," enclosing with your request 20c in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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ROYAL PRINCESS . . . Cindy Schmidt, a North High student who has been crowned Royal Princess of the Los Angeles County Heart Association's Southwestern Branch, chats with television star Frank Sutton of "The Gomer Pyle Show." Cindy was crowned during a dance earlier this month. Sunday is Heart Sunday and Cindy will join other area volunteers in the annual fund drive.



HONORED SCOUT . . . John Vargo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vargo, 4920 Vanderhill Road, was awarded the Eagle rank recently in ceremonies conducted by members of Troop 586. The Eagle Court of Honor was held at Calle Mayor School.

John Vargo Now An Eagle Scout

By RICK OAKES
Scribe, Troop 586

Troop 586 recently held its Eagle Court of Honor at Calle Mayor School. John Vargo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vargo, 4920 Vanderhill Road, was presented with the award of the Eagle rank.

John joined Boy Scouts on his birthday on Dec. 24, 1963. He joined Troop 11 in Port Huron, Mich. In September of 1965 he transferred to Troop 154 and a year later he transferred to Troop 586. He has qualified for the Troop's bronze camping medal by having more than forty nights camping. At present, John is a patrol leader and quartermaster. He earned the Polar Bear Award for camping out two nights in snow at seven degrees below zero.

AT THIS Court of Honor John received a three-year service star, a merit badge, the Troop's bronze medal, a senior strip, and his Eagle award. John was a Den Chief for a year when he was in Michigan. He attended two Catholic Retreats and one summer camp. St. Joseph Catholic Church sponsored his troop in Michigan.

THE COURT of Honor consisted of many presentations, they were:

Troop Leader: Ronnie Ellerman, Mark Andrews, Steven Putzel, and Steve Butler.

Second Class: David Ferguson, Ronnie Eichman, Joe Vargo, Ronnie Ellerman, and Mark Andrews.

First Class: Dennis Pelletier, John Jaacks, Jeff Jaacks.

Totem' Chip: Dennis Pelletier, John Jaacks, Jeff Jaacks.

Den Chief: Dale Eichman.

Recruiter: David Ferguson, Jim Gastelum, Rick Oakes.

Service Stars: Three years, John Vargo; four years, Rick Oakes.

Perfect Attendance: Four years, Rick Oakes.

Merit Badges: Rick Oakes, John Vargo.

Bronze Camping Medals: Dale Eichman, John Vargo.

Gold Quill: Rick Oakes.

Eagle: John Vargo.

Cityhood Hearing Planned

Consideration of the Carson-Dominguez cityhood proposal is scheduled March 15 by the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The incorporation request from the Carson-Dominguez area will be heard at a special meeting of the commission, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

James Mize, executive officer for the commission, is scheduled to make a complete feasibility report on the application for cityhood, Chace said.

Library Measure Endorsed

Endorsement of a \$2,350,000 Torrance library bond measure was announced this week by the Torrance YMCA and the Torrance Friends of the Library, according to George McMullen, chairman of the Steering Committee for the Library Bond.

Bond talks were delivered at a meeting of the YMCA board by Mrs. V. N. Birdsall of the Torrance League of Women Voters and Richard Hall of the Friends of the Library.

Voters will determine the fate of the bond measure in an election scheduled for April 18.

"Torrance will have its own library system next year, regardless of the outcome of the bond election," McMullen said. "But whether or not the library shelves are empty will depend on the outcome of the election. Our service by the county system terminates in June, 1968. At that time the county will remove its books from our shelves. Passage of the bond will mean we can fill those shelves, add additional space to our present library branches, and build a new central library."

Groups desiring to schedule bond speakers are asked to contact McMullen or Mrs. William Geissert of the League of Women Voters.

Red Cross Voices From Home Program Continues

Reaching its "market"—the families of servicemen overseas—is the only problem Red Cross seems to be having with its new Voices From Home program.

"With every appointment when the family's voices are recorded on tape, and their pictures are taken, we feel the program has profited," Mrs. Helmar Anderson, Torrance volunteer for the Red Cross program, said.

The profit, she explained, is the benefit to others—there is no money involved in this, or any other Red Cross service.

CONTACTING the families of servicemen overseas—wives, children, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.—to tell them about the service Red Cross is offering for them is a big job.

"We need the help of everyone in spreading the word," Mrs. Anderson said.

She said she and other Voice From Home volunteers will be happy to provide additional information on the program by phone or letter to interested persons.

APPOINTMENTS to participate in the program may be made by calling the Red Cross Southern District Service Center.

At the Red Cross Service Center, 1499 W. First St., San Pedro, volunteers are on hand for Voices From Home on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 3 to 7:30 p.m.

The program is also being offered in Gardena where interested persons may call chairman, Miss Ruth Morgan, for appointments.



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In Early America

Student Reaction Leads to Violence

By ROBERT M. BERSI

In the United States of America, from colonial times to about the time of the Civil War, college students were subjected to insipid instruction and to sterile concepts of discipline. I've touched briefly on this part of American higher educational history in previous columns.

The records, however, are replete with examples of violent reaction to such treatment. The young college student of the time, to boot, was generally unbridled in his expressions of discontent.

When Ezra Stiles became president of Yale in 1777, for example, he likened the "Young Gentlemen," there to "a bundle of Wild Fire not easily controlled and governed," and well he might since "students were wont to express their displeasure with their tutors by stoning them with clubs if they chanced out after dark."

In 1828, Yale students went on strike in a so-called bread and butter rebellion, and two years later the sophomore class refused to study a newly established course in mathematics. Yale historians call the resultant fracas the Conic Section Rebellion.

ALONG WITH these stu-

dent attacks upon faculties went town and gown riots, a pastime in which Yale students particularly specialized. In 1841 they staged what came to be called the First Firemen's Riot, a street fight in which the students reportedly cut the fire hose into innumerable pieces, overturned the engine, and strewed fire-fighting apparatus about the town and college yard. Compared to two subsequent tilts, however, this 1841 riot seems as mild as the protest of Harvard students a few years ago against the abandonment of diplomas written in Latin.

Objecting to the conduct of a number of undergraduates at a New Haven theater, a group of townies in 1854 picked a fight with them which led to the death of a bartender whom a student struck with a dagger; a nd four years later, on the occasion of the second Firemen's Riot, a student shot and killed one of the firemen.

Princeton students outdid their Yale counterparts by using gunpowder on a number of occasions to blow up sections of college buildings, and in the high-spirited South even fewer restraints prevailed among them.

For example, in North

Carolina students rode horses through their dormitories and "shot up" the place generally. At a great drinking bout, attended by students and faculty, that signaled the celebration of Washington's birthday in 1804, a young instructor, according to a student's letter, achieved a feat of getting drunk twice.

Shooting, blocking stagecoaches, and singing ribald songs in front of churches are reported from the University of Virginia. Students there went even further and on occasion assaulted and whipped members of the faculty. In the course of the riot of 1842, a Professor Davis was shot and killed by an exuberant undergraduate.

A SIMILAR outrage was the murder of President Jeremiah Chamberlin of Oakland College in Mississippi. During the political excitement attendant upon the discussion of the Compromise of 1850 a drunken student, enraged over a fancied injury, stabbed him to death.

A number of new methods of instruction and systems of reasonable discipline helped considerably to civilize the young barbarians who populated the colleges of a century ago.

COUNT MARCO

A Truly Brilliant Suggestion

Have you ever attended a very dull party or dinner and wished later that you could have thought of something brilliant or entertaining to say? Well, there are TWO things you can say, both guaranteed to stir up any stale air, raise blood pressures and start conversation moving at a rapid, albeit noisy pace.

The first is the time proven, "What do you think of Count Marco?" and the second is to ask the women (in the presence of their men) "Do any of you think that alimony payments are ever justified?"

It is revealing to note that women almost automatically confuse alimony with child support or sneakily use that to evade the issue. However, the older women, those who boast grandchildren, are quite positive in their declaration that alimony should never be provided.

As one snapped, "Let her get a job."

One chivalrous gentleman at a party suggested that a divorcee should get at least several months' alimony until she found a job.

I offered a novel plan of marriage unemployment insurance. Businesses are licensed and the license must be renewed yearly for a stipulated fee; club memberships require dues, automobiles are licensed annually at fixed amounts, as are yachts, planes, motorcycles, beauticians, barbers, drivers, etc.

Why not then a marriage license renewal fee? It should be mandatory that, on the anniversary of each marriage, the couple apply for a license renewal and pay an established annual fee.

These fees would go into a central fund, as does unemployment insurance, and—to retain a little bit of chivalry—only an ex-wife would be permitted to draw marriage unemployment, with a limit of course on the number of weeks she may draw.

I see this as a totally self-supporting fund. To bring added revenue and protection, the wife could only apply for marriage insurance with her first license. Like life insurance, this would provide her with an established lump sum should she become a failure.

so long as she kept up her monthly payments. With each yearly license renewal, the couple should also be able to exercise or not an option to renew the marriage, cancel it out, or trade with another couple.

That option to renew would automatically do away with divorce proceedings, attorneys' fees, court costs, and loss of valuable time by freeing overworked judges to hear more important cases.

I've planted the seed, now I want you, in the interests of reducing the appalling divorce rates, to do some germinating.

Here are two additional questions to keep a party lively. "What if at renewal time, one wishes to renew and the other refuses? What then?"

And, "Supposing there are children and only the wife decides to cancel the membership. Should the father pay, or should she assume entire responsibility for them?"

Naturally, I'm always interested in what you think of any of my brilliant suggestions. And truly, isn't this one brilliant?